

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Canceled)
2. (New) A method for providing television program information for a viewer comprising the steps of:
  - displaying a television schedule guide including a listing of a plurality of television programs telecast at particular times;
  - receiving viewer selection of a television program listing associated with a particular television program;
  - storing the viewer selection of the television program listing; and
  - alerting the viewer when the particular television program becomes available from an alternate program source.
3. (New) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of switching an input television signal source to the alternate program source that is carrying the particular television program.

4. (New) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of recording the particular television program on the alternate program source.

5. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of alerting comprises the step of displaying information about the particular television program on the alternate program source.

6. (New) The method of claim 5, wherein the information includes a time and a television signal source delivering the particular television program on the alternate program source.

7. (New) A television guide system for providing television program information for a viewer, the system comprising:

a memory storing viewer selection data and an electronic program database comprising a listing of a plurality of television programs telecast at particular times;

a display, coupled to the memory, for displaying at least a portion of the listing in a guide format;

an input for receiving viewer selection of a television program listing associated with a particular television program; and

a processor, coupled to the memory,

display, and input, the processor including logic for:

storing the viewer selection of the television program listing in the memory;

alerting the viewer when the particular television program becomes available from an alternate program source; and

switching an input television signal source to the alternate program source that is carrying the particular television program.

8. (New) A television guide system for providing television program information for a viewer, the system comprising:

a memory storing viewer selection data and an electronic program database comprising a listing of a plurality of television programs telecast at particular times;

a display, coupled to the memory, for displaying at least a portion of the listing in a guide format;

an input for receiving viewer selection of a television program listing associated with a particular television program; and

a processor, coupled to the memory, display, and input, the processor including logic for:

storing the viewer selection of the television program listing in the memory;

alerting the viewer when the particular television program becomes available from an alternate program source; and

recording the particular television program on the alternate program source.

9. (New) A television guide system for providing television program information for a viewer, the system comprising:

a memory storing viewer selection data and an electronic program database comprising a listing of a plurality of television programs telecast at particular times;

a display, coupled to the memory, for displaying at least a portion of the listing in a guide format;

an input for receiving viewer selection of a television program listing associated with a particular television program; and

a processor, coupled to the memory, display, and input, the processor including logic for:

storing the viewer selection of the television program listing in the memory; and

alerting the viewer when the particular television program becomes available from an alternate program source, wherein the alerting comprises

displaying information about the particular television program on the alternate program source.

10. (New) The system of claim 9, wherein the information includes a time and a television signal source delivering the particular television program on tuning operation using a remote control.